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Dear Commissioner McAllister,

I am writing you in strong support of the California Lighting Technology Center (CLTC), at the University of California, Davis.

I worked with CLTC while at Philips Lumileds, a San Jose-based global leader in LED components, and at Sensity Systems, a Sunnyvale-based leader in intelligent lighting as a component of smart campus infrastructure which I co-founded. CLTC was a source of technical input and assistance, market input and support to both companies, and was universally recognized by our customers and utility partners as "the smartest people in the room" when it came to lighting related issues.

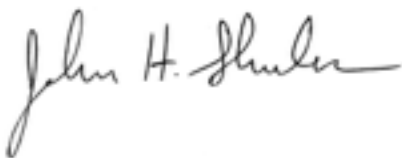
The lighting industry has been evolving exceptionally rapidly over the past 10 years, with the successive introductions of several new technologies that provide energy savings, improved environmental quality, health, and productivity to our economy. In particular in California, the presence of strong regulatory incentives and organizations such as the CLTC have created an extremely positive economic climate for the creation and success of companies that focus on new technologies and products in the lighting space.

But there is still a long road ahead of us. While LED lighting (for example) continues to focus on energy efficiency, it is evolving to incorporate other values, such as human health and productivity, as well as convergence with other industries such as urban, building, and utility grid planning and management that have similarly profound impact on California's energy and water efficiency, CO2 emissions, economic development, and quality of life. The CLTC has consistently provided leadership in bringing many diverse interests together to address and resolve lighting-related issues that impede progress toward state energy goals.

This success has been based on CLTC's ability to work with Industry to understand and promote state-of-the-art solutions that are also practical, while working with customers to help them understand the benefits of adoption, and with regulators to create a regulatory climate favorable to adoption. This kind of objective, integrating role is not possible from a self-interested corporation. I strongly encourage this integrated, publicly funded approach.

Investing in CLTC and research centers that use a similar model provides benefits that cannot be obtained through individual project solicitations in different activity areas and at different times.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "John H. Shuler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent part.